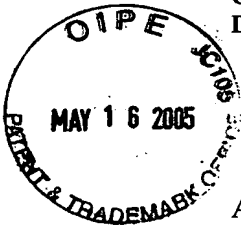


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CLARIFICATION OF FILING DATE

Dear Sir:

Applicants seek clarification of the U.S. Patent Office-recognized filing date of the above-identified application.

On September 9, 2002, Applicants received a Decision on Petition filed July 1, 2002. The Decision notes that Applicants will be given a file date of August 29, 2001 and that a corrected filing receipt will be mailed. Applicants have never received this corrected filing receipt and note that the filing date in the Notice of Allowance was listed as June 26, 2002. Applicants request that the correct filing date of the above-identified application be noted as August 29, 2001 and Applicants be mailed a corrected filing receipt.

The above-identified application is a divisional application of 09/627,986 filed July 28, 2000. Applicants have claimed priority to this application in an August 29, 2001 application filed as a divisional application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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